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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, JO, IS

SUBJECT: QUESTION OF JORDANIAN PARTICIPATION IN HOSTILITIES

1. I CALLED OCT 9 ON ANWAR KHATIB, PRINCIPAL KING'S MAN ON WEST BANK, TO SEE HOW HE FELT ABOUT QUESTION OF JORDANIAN PARTICIPATION IN CURRENT HOSTILITIES. KHATIB, AS HE REMINDED ME, HAD BEEN ONE OF THOSE WHO URGED KING TO ENTER 1967 WAR. BEFORE I HAD CHANCE TO RAISE QUESTION, KHATIB LAUNCHED INTO STRONG ARGUMENT AGAINST JORDANIAN ENTRY INTO WAR AND SAID HE FERVENTLY HOPED KING WOULD HOLD TO HIS PRESENT COURSE AND STAY OUT. FROM POINT OF VIEW OF WEST BANKERS, KHATIB SAID, JORDANIAN ENTRY WOULD BE DISASTER. ISRAELIS WOULD TURN ON THEM IN PROCESS OF DEALING WITH JORDAN AND THEIR LIVES WOULD BECOME MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND UNPLEASANT. SECONDLY, ISRAELIS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY WIND UP HOLDING MORE JORDANIAN TERRITORY. I ASKED HIM WHETHER THESE VIEWS REFLECTED OPINION GENERALLY ON WEST BANK AND HE SAID HE BELIEVED THEY DID. HE MADE SAME POINT LATER ON AS OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES GATHERED IN HIS OFFICE AND GOT NO ARGUMENT FROM THEM.

2. COMMENT: KING MIGHT FEEL THAT HE DOESN'T NEED AMERICANS

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TO TELL HIM HOW HIS WEST BANKERS REGARD JORDANIAN POLICY,

BUT IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO ITS EFFORTS TO  
KEEP JORDAN ON ITS PRESENT COURSE, THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM  
IN QUOTING KHATIB AND REPRESENTING HIS VIEWS AS REFLECTIVE  
OF WIDE WEST BANK OPINION (WHICH I BELIEVE THEM TO BE).  
I ASSUME KHATIB HAS WAY OF MAKING HIS OPINIONS KNOWN IN AMMAN,  
BUT MIGHT DO NO HARM TO ADD THIS POINT TO OTHERS EMBASSY  
MAY BE USING.  
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